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To Whom It May Concern:

I write to provide comments to the FCC on the E-Rate NPRM, proceeding 13-184. The E-Rate program has been, and continues to be, invaluable to the Sevier County School System in Tennessee (the school system for which I work). We are able to have what internet services we have due to this funding program. These days everything is going "online" and it is essential to our school system's survival to have an infrastructure and internet access that is robust and reliable. Almost all of our instructional programs are internet based now. Online video streaming is very popular in classrooms across the curriculum and grade levels within our school system. We use Plato, United Streaming, READ 180 (among other online software packages) on a daily basis in instruction.

The demand for higher speeds and greater reliability are only going to grow over time. E-Rate funding MUST increase in order to keep up with the increasing need.

I respectfully request the FCC to increase funding for the E-Rate program to at LEAST \$5 billion in order to help meet this need. All students and staff need access to high speed internet. The future of our nation depends on the success of the current generation.

Sincerely,

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